

Film Drug Quiz Pushed as Reid Fights for Life

Colony Supplied From Mexico, Says California Official; Influence of Hays Aids War on Narcotics

Star Better, Says Wife

Screen Favorite Victim of Influenza Intensified by Indulgence in Drugs

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Louis Zeh, secretary of the State Board of Pharmacy, to-day, following the disclosure in the case of Wally Reid, famous film star, who is near death here from influenza in the wake of excessive indulgence in drugs, said that an investigation by that body into the sale of drugs to members of the film colony has been in progress for three weeks. Mr. Zeh asserted that all barriers to the successful conclusion of this task had been lifted since Will Hays became chief of the motion picture industry. He said:

"With the advent of Will Hays into the motion picture industry the drug evil in Hollywood has abated to a considerable degree. Agents of the board may now enter the studios freely, whereas heretofore they required search warrants. Mr. Zeh said that the Pharmacy Board is investigating the 'Wally Reid case, but only to the extent of checking up on drug sales in the film colony. The colony as a whole is not under investigation, he declared. "We are under a great handicap in running down the traffickers," he said. "They use fast automobiles, while we must pursue them in antiquated machines. I place the principal source of the traffic over the line in Mexico. We have a line on the man who is supplying certain sections of southern California, including Hollywood, with drugs."

Reid Near Death
Reid's physician said the star is so weak he can scarcely raise his head without fainting. "We are treating him for nervous exhaustion complicated by influenza," said the physician. "Reid is only a husk of a man. Whether he will live or die is a toss-up. We hope he will gradually gain strength during the next few weeks and recover. His temperature is now nearly normal, and he is able to take a little nourishment." The Methodist preachers of Southern California, in a meeting to-day, passed a resolution to be presented to the City Council of Los Angeles to-morrow, in which they urge that body to name a committee which shall be given a free hand to make a sweeping investigation of reputed "movie" vice conditions.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—The condition of "Wally" Reid, motion picture actor, who recently suffered a nervous breakdown and who was reported to be on the verge of death last night, improved somewhat to-day, and his wife, known in the film world as Dorothy Davenport, said she was hopeful that the crisis was past.

"Wallace's doctors have about made up their minds it is a case of influenza," Mrs. Reid said. "The charts at the hospital where he has been under treatment taking during the last week show all the symptoms of this disease. If he can throw this off he will be back at work as soon as his strength is regained."

Blames Drink and Drugs
Mrs. Reid said her husband's breakdown, which came about six weeks ago, was, she believed, due to habits "peculiarly dangerous to one of Wallace's high-strung temperament." "Wallace always drank to some extent," she said, "and two years ago began to use drugs. He was very ill at that time, but there was a great deal of work at his studio and he felt he must keep up somehow and he resorted to the artificial means which have so nearly been his undoing."

"Any talk of his having been connected with a 'dope ring' is absolutely absurd and untrue. Nor did he frequent 'dope parties.' I think he did go to one or two such affairs, but he found them distasteful and never went back. He was making a picture when the collapse came. He was advised at the studio to take a rest and went under treatment. I am satisfied that he has won the fight. He knows nothing of the publicity which has been given to his affairs."

The actor's contract with the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation has two years to run, Mrs. Reid said. He expects to return to work at the corporation's studio, she added.

Maltzen in Foreign Office
BERLIN, Dec. 18 (By The Associated Press).—Dr. Hans von Hatzmann, Under Secretary to the Foreign Office, who will retire from this position January 1 to become the federal government's diplomat representative at Munich will be succeeded by Baron Hugo von Maltzen, Chief of the Near East section of the Foreign Office.

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Little Girl's Christmas Plea Frees Her Daddy

A nine-year-old girl won freedom for her father, Layton Brown, when he was arraigned before County Judge Bleakley, in White Plains yesterday for stealing automobile tires. The judge read a letter from Brown's daughter, Marion, who said she wanted her father home for Christmas so her baby sister would be happy. "Daddy always trims her Christmas tree," wrote the girl, "and this year he has to go to a hospital to bring her to it. He took her there last September when she almost burned to death in a bonfire. Can't daddy go to bring her for the tree?" Judge Bleakley dismissed the charge.

Navy Bill, Fixing 10,000-Ton Limit, Passed by House

Measure Carries Request That President Negotiate With Other Powers; Provides for Force of 86,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The naval appropriation bill carrying a request that the President negotiate with foreign powers relative to limiting construction of war craft under 10,000 tons was passed late to-day by the House.

The bill, which carries a total of \$325,000,000, stood precisely as framed by Chairman Kelley's sub-committee, and provides for an enlisted naval force of 86,000, the same as fixed last year. There was a flurry of talk over the provisions under which the President is asked to negotiate with Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy, but in the end an effort to change the language was dropped in the face of overwhelming opposition to any alteration whatever.

An amendment to strike out the section, offered by Representative Logan, Democrat, of South Carolina, was defeated and finally Representative Linberger, Republican, California, withdrew his amendment "suggesting to the President the desirability of entering into further negotiations with other powers as soon as he may deem it practical."

There was laughter from the Republican side when Representative Linthicum, Democrat, of Maryland, presented an amendment requesting the President also to negotiate with foreign nations with a view to forming an association of nations. It was thrown out on a point of order made by Representative Wingo, Democrat, of Arkansas.

Just before the final paragraph was reached the House halted for twenty minutes to pay tribute to Chairman Kelley, who retires next March.

As the House was ready to pass the bill Representative Elanton, Democrat, of Texas, sought to have it re-committed for the purpose of inserting a provision permitting the use of time-measuring devices at navy yards, but it was defeated, 258 to 6.

Almiral Juror Sues City for Unpaid Fees

Papers Served on Comptroller and Chamberlain; Hearing Set for Dec. 22

Papers in a suit to compel the city to pay the fees of the Almiral grand jury were served on Comptroller Craig and City Chamberlain Philip Berolzheimer yesterday. The suit is brought by Lawrence W. Mack, one of the jurors, who is said to be acting for the others. A hearing on an order to show cause why the city should not pay these fees is set for December 22 at 10 a. m. in the Supreme Court, Special Term, Part 1.

Mr. Mack is suing for \$330, which represents 110 days' service at \$3 a day. The Almiral grand jury finished its labors twenty-one months ago and none of its members has been paid.

David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, commenting on the action yesterday, said the city was holding up the jury fees until he finished his investigation. He declared the Almiral grand jury took a longer time to investigate than his investigation has taken so far, and he thought he should be given "at least two or three years to investigate the justice of the jurors' fees."

On October 31 last Raymond F. Almiral, foreman of the grand jury, wrote Commissioner Hirschfeld that the grand jurors would have to resort to court action to obtain their fees if the city continued to delay payment. He said, however, that the jurors would prefer to avoid publicity in the matter and offered to discuss the matter with the Commissioner if the latter so desired.

U. S. Considers Radical Changes At Ellis Island

Secretary Davis to Conduct Personal Survey Next Week; British Emissary Will Be Asked to Assist

New Station Proposed

Removal to Governor's Island or to Mainland Urged; Plant Adequate, Says Tod

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Comprehensive plans for improving immigration facilities at the Ellis Island station at New York are under consideration here as a result of many complaints regarding the present equipment of the station and the methods of handling immigrants.

Three separate proposals are being considered. One provides for rehabilitation of the present facilities on Ellis Island, a second contemplates erection of a new station on Governor's Island, and a third would transfer the entire plant to the mainland.

Secretary Davis of the Labor Department has discussed these proposals with Secretary Mellon of the Treasury. Mr. Davis will go to New York on December 27 to make a personal survey of the situation, and because of official British complaints regarding conditions at Ellis Island he expects to invite Sir Auckland Geddes, the British Ambassador, to accompany him.

Tod Opposes Segregation

"Any attempt to segregate the immigrants at Ellis Island into small groups would lead to many evil practices, such as graft and bribing," said Robert E. Tod, Commissioner of Immigration, at Ellis Island yesterday. "I do not see how it can be done."

"If the Jewish people were segregated they would be incensed, and the same holds good of other races and other people."

"Ellis Island is regarded by some immigrants as a place to catch on a program of Americanization, when the island is really intended to expedite the handling of immigrants."

Questioned as to the protests of the Embassy, which are said to be responsible for the proposals for improvements at Ellis Island, Commissioner Tod said he saw no special reason for favors in behalf of the British.

Equipment Held Chief Need

"We do not need new buildings so much as we need additional equipment. And if we are to have an appropriation it should like to have additional blankets and additional beds."

Commissioner Tod added that, in addition to his proposal that cabin or second class passengers be brought to Ellis Island, he also favors the handling of deportation cases on the island by a special board of inquiry, rather than having these cases decided in Washington.

As long as the present law restricting immigration holds, he concluded, Ellis Island is amply equipped with buildings to meet its needs.

Fight Over Turkeys, 3 Dead

HARRISONBURG, Va., Dec. 18.—Three men are dead—two of them murdered, according to a coroner's jury verdict returned to-day—as a result of a quarrel over a flock of turkeys. The jury found that Ward Messick, twenty-nine years old, a farmer, living near here, committed suicide yesterday after he had shot and killed his father-in-law, Lee Bodkins, who a few minutes before had killed Messick's brother, Harry, twenty-seven years old. Ward Messick's wife testified she and her husband had an argument over the turkeys, and the killings followed.

Train Derailed; 7 Hurt

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Seven persons were injured, several seriously, when the Providence Express of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad left the rails at Hyde Park station late to-day. Miss Josephine Hadisch, of North Bergen, N. J., a passenger, and Fireman Joseph A. McLaughlin, of Dedham, suffered the most serious injuries.

The locomotive and tender turned over, but the ten passenger cars were held almost upright by the iron fence at the side of the track against which they crashed. Railroad officials could not explain the derailment.

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(With arrow head backs).

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(Lined with lambskin. Strap wrist. In black and dark tan).

"Washrite" Washable Mocha Gloves, 6.00

Fur Gloves, rabbit lined, . . . 10.00

Lapland Reindeer Gloves, unlined, 10.00

(In grey and sable).

Fownes' Fur Lined Gloves, 7.50 to 10.50

(Of capeskin or suede)

Holiday Mail Jam Cut By 'Send Early' Campaign

Usual Crush Is Far Below That of Other Years, Says Acting Superintendent

The "mail-early" campaign conducted by the Postoffice Department has been instrumental in effecting a speeding up of holiday mail as compared with last year's figures, Peter McGurty, acting superintendent of mails, announced yesterday.

Foreign mails for Christmas have already been completed, McGurty said, with 76,277 sacks of letters and packages sent since November 15. Last year's record was 60,047 sacks. Attributed directly to the "mail-early" slogan was the increase in mailing from November 16 to 20 over the mail sent from December 1 to 15, as compared with last year's periods. The November period showed an increase of 17 per cent over the corresponding period of the previous year, while the December period registered only a 5 per cent increase.

Domestic mail figures are about the same as last year, with perhaps a slight increase. Approximately 1,000 carloads of mail have been dispatched from the New York postoffice. Local mails are beginning to arrive now and will continue until Christmas Day, when a morning delivery will be made. Figures will undergo a pronounced falling off in the days following Christmas, but belated holiday mail will be sent until the New Year.

Mr. McGurty asks the further cooperation of the public in mailing parcels for local delivery early. He plans to give a Christmas holiday to as many postal employees as possible.

100 Pastors Chant Psalm to Music Brought by Radio

Clergy Club Members With Telephonic Receivers Follow Unseen Accompanist Seated at Piano Miles Away

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork."

At the opening chords of the Psalm xix, dim at first, but rising in a gradual crescendo, clergymen arose from their seats at the Astor yesterday noon and chanted in solemn unison the first six verses of David's hymn of praise while their accompanist was seated at the piano several miles away, at the West Street laboratory of the Western Electric Company.

The unusual event, believed to be the first of its kind, took place at a luncheon of the Clergy Club of New York. Dr. Milo H. Gates, vicar of the Chapel of the Intercession, led the clergymen in the chant apparently expecting no difficulty in following this unseen and distant accompanist.

Instead of having the music transmitted in the usual way, through a loud speaking receiving set the Western Electric Company arranged to have it transmitted to the hotel receiving set and thence amplified in the ballroom by telephonic receivers and transmitters of rochelle salt crystals, a device which was first used as a submarine detector and has since been perfected and adapted by Alexander McLean Nicolson. After the demonstration Mr. Nicolson explained to the gathering the workings of his device, which he called "piece-electrical."

The luncheon was afterward devoted to a discussion of the relations between the Christian and Jewish religions. Dr. Gates told how the one destructive act in which he had taken part some years ago, of which he was most proud, was the abolition of a society which aimed to convert members of the Jewish faith to Christianity.

"I am glad to have had a hand in tearing down that horrible thing," he declared. "If many Christians should go to a synagogue and study the fidelity, sincerity and piety of the people who worship there I think they would be better Christians."

Rev. Henry A. Stimson, pastor eminent of the Manhattan Congregational Church, and Philip Whitwell Wilson, publicist, also spoke.

Butcher Held as Gun Toter; Charged With Shooting Wife

Paquale Monzello, a butcher, living at 2327 First Avenue, was arrested on charges of felonious assault and violation of the Sullivan law last night after his wife, Lizzie, had been removed to the Harlem Hospital seriously wounded by a bullet in her shoulder. He is alleged to have shot her with a revolver later found in his home.

Allen Flings His Views in Klan Wizard's Face

Kansas Governor's Verbal Onslaught Makes Ku-Klux Chief Admit Hooded Garb Will Have To Be Dropped

Introduced by Borglum

Labels "Imperial Gizzard" Philosophy Vague; Total in State Put at 150,000

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Governor Allen of Kansas, probably the most active opponent of the Ku-Klux Klan, and Imperial Wizard H. W. Evans, of Atlanta, Ga., supreme head of the order, met casually to-day at the Willard Hotel. There was some plain talking.

The Kansas Governor told the Imperial wizard in sharp terms his estimate of the Klan. The latter is said to have shown signs of retreating before the onslaught, for he is quoted as having admitted among other things, that the hooded garb is not symbolic of the best and that his followers realize it must go some day. He is said to have insisted, however, that the mask is necessary to the present purposes of the Ku-Klux.

The meeting between the two who represent the pro and anti of the whole question was arranged by Gutson Borglum, the New York sculptor, who also happened to be at the hotel.

Gave Imperial "Gizzard" His Opinion
"It was purely a casual meeting, arranged by Mr. Borglum, whom we both knew," explained Governor Allen. "I said to the Imperial wizard or wizard or whatever he is called that I don't like his organization because it is neither American nor secret, but un-American and clandestine."

"I explained to him my objections are to the mask and the disorder it suggests in providing a refuge behind which any man may hide to carry out the disguise. If their purposes are worthy they should come out in the open and carry them out without the mask."

"He told me that the Ku-Klux have some sort of an idea that in a little while they will do away with it—it is a vague sort of philosophy—but that just now they think it is necessary to further their work."

Imperial Wizard Evans was not at his headquarters in the hotel to-night. Two of his party, G. W. Rice and J. C. Moore, talked at length of the Klan, but could contribute no details of the meeting. The other member of the party, Imperial Klaliff F. L. Savage, a New Yorker, was absent.

Rice said the Imperial wizard arrived here this morning, but the visit had no significance—that the head of the Invisible Empire is "merely looking around and shaking hands."

Rice's estimate of the strength of the Klan in New York was that "it is somewhere between 100,000 and 150,000." The Klan will be here forever," he added. "It has been much misrepresented and many crimes have been unjustly attributed to it. It is merely an organization of patriotic men sworn to uphold the laws and the Constitution."

"Its ultimate object is to restore the reins of the American government to Americans, and this does not necessarily mean opposition to Jews or anyone else. The Klan does not admit Jews because they cannot honestly take the oath, which includes the teachings of Christ."

The Klan, Rice revealed, has a definite program with regard to the immigration laws. "It can be summed up," he said, by saying "the doors of the country swing in easier than they do out."

He hinted that "some of the best operatives in the country" are on the pay roll of the Klan, ferreting out the perpetrators of crimes laid to the Klan. Speaking of Governor Parker's recent visit to Washington and the wide publicity given the reported control of the state of Louisiana by the Invisible Empire, he said: "Parker was one of the best propagators of the Klan until he advocated violation of the Eighteenth Amendment."

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